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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of the statement on Lebanon issued by the European Community and its member States on 27 July 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Statement on the situation in Lebanon

The European Community and its member States are greatly concerned at the resurgence of violence on the Lebanese-Israeli border, whether they concern operations by the Israeli army in Lebanon or attacks against Israel emanating from Lebanon. They firmly condemn once more all acts of violence whatever their origin.

They deeply regret the civilian casualties resulting from such violence and operations which have already caused the exodus of several thousand people. The civilian population throughout the region has a right to peace and security.

They call for an immediate stop to all such actions directed against the sovereignty of Lebanon, its territorial integrity and its independence and which threaten the peace process. They also call on all parties concerned to respect and cooperate with the United Nations forces in the region.

The European Community and its member States recall that they have for many years called for the full implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 425 (1978).

The all too long years of violence and conflict have shown that the use of force and recourse to violence have brought neither a solution nor the prospect of peace for any of the parties involved.

They call on all parties to show restraint and to pursue intensively the peace process negotiations, which have reached a crucial phase. Only their successful conclusion will offer any hope of an untroubled future for this region and its sorely tried people.